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From: Chief of Naval Operations

To: Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training

Via: Chief of Navel Air Training

Subj: Modification of the Present Organization of the Organized Navel Air Reserve.

Encls: (A) Organization Chart.

(B) Recapitulation of Allocation of Squadrons and Faskons with the New Number Assignments.

(C) Recapitulation of Personnel in Air Staffs, Squadrons and FasRons.

(D) Suggested Missions and Tasks for Officer Billets with Air Staffs.

- l. It has become increasingly evident that a modification of the present organization of the Organized Naval Air Reserve is necessary in order to conform more closely to Fleet requirements, to provide better utilization of facilities and equipment, and to permit more pliability and better opportunity to reach full strength in persennel.
- 2. In order to improve the program and to overcome present handiceps, the following change in organization will be effected:
 - (a) Dissolve the present "Air Groups" and reform them as "Air Wings," reducing the numbers from 55 to 27. These Air Wings will contain in addition to the CV Squadrons the VP. VR and supporting squadrons.
 - (b) Readjust the sizes of the various squadrons to conform more closely to the Fleet Organization. In this readjustment some of the carrier squadrons will be redesignated as VF (AW), VF(F), VA(AW), ASW and AEW.
 - (No suitable equipment for training in type is presently available for squadrons other than "VF" and "VA." VF(AW), VF(P), VA(AW), ASW and AEW squadrons listed above will be so designated but will utilize currently assigned VF and VA type aircraft and train under current VF and VA syllabi until such time as equipment becomes available and suitable syllabi have been developed).

- (c) Reassign the squadrons at the various activities in numbers dependent upon the pilot potential in the local areas.
- 3. It is requested that the Chi f of Naval Air Reserve Training implement this plan as soon as deemed practicable and advise the Chief of Naval Oper tions when it can be effected. Charestra may, if he considers it desirable initiate the plan at one or more Reserve Training Command activities prior to implementing it throughout this command in order to ascertain procedures to be followed.
- 4. Enclosure (A) is the new Organization Chart. Enclosure (B) is a recapitulation of allocation of squadrons and Faskons, with the new number assignments. Enclosure (C) is a recapitulation of personnel in Air Staffs, Squadrons and Faskons. Enclosure (D) lists suggested missions and tasks for officer billets in the Air Staffs, included as helpful aids for improving the training and efficiency of the Staff Officers.
- 5. By separate correspondence the Bureau of N val Personnel will be requested to revise the Organized Naval Reserve, Aviation Component-Personnel Allowances, to conform with the modified organization.